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## Two senior pedestrians killed attempting to cross Milwaukee streets

## Statement of Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa and Alderman Scott Spiker March 3, 2023

The past two days have been deadly for seniors attempting to cross busy streets in the City of Milwaukee.

A man from Greenfield was killed when a vehicle hit him in the 13th Aldermanic District near S. 27th St. and W. Parnell Ave. Wednesday (March 1) night, according to Milwaukee Police.

The 71-year-old pedestrian died at the scene of the crash, police said, and the driver of the vehicle that hit him stayed on the scene.

On Thursday (March 2) afternoon, a 77-year-old man was struck by a vehicle as he was attempting to cross S. Layton Blvd. near W. Greenfield Ave. in the 8th Aldermanic District. The man was hospitalized with life-threatening injuries and has now died, according to Milwaukee Police.

The driver in the Layton Blvd. crash also stayed at the scene, and MPD reports criminal charges against the driver will be referred to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office.

We are saddened and frustrated by these tragic incidents, and we offer our sincere condolences to the families and friends of the victims.

As Council members, we strive for streets that are safe for everyone – pedestrians, drivers, bicyclists and those using other legal means of transportation. It is our intention to continue looking for improvements that can help ensure safety for all commuters across Milwaukee.

We urge everyone driving to slow down, and to drive in a defensive manner at all times. Get to your destination safely, and ALWAYS keep an eye out for anyone who may be crossing the roadway either slowly and/or unexpectedly.